APPENDIX.

[*Vide* answer to starred question No. 606 asked by P. C. Narayanan Nambiar at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 10th February 1955, page 186 *supra*.]

G.O. Ms. No. 1714, Education, dated 4th December 1954.

[Elementary Education—Reform Committee—Appointed.]

In pursuance of the announcement made in the Legislative Assembly at the time of withdrawal of the Modified Scheme of Elementary Education that Government would take steps for the appointment of a Committee to go into the entire system of Elementary Education, the Government have constituted a Committee consisting of the following members :—

(1) Dr Rm. Alagappa Chettiar—*Chairman.*

(2) Sri N. D. Sundaravadivelu, Director of Public Instruction.

(3) Sri K. Arunachalam, Ramakrishna Vidyalaya, Coimbatore.

(4) Sri S. Meenakshisundara Mudaliyar, Kalaimagal Kalvi Nilayam, Erode.

(5) Sri M. Arunachalam, Headmaster, P.K.N. High School, Tirumangalam.

(6) Sri V. S. Gopalakrishna Ayyar, Headmaster, Sir M. Ct. M. High School, Madras.

The Committee is empowered to co-opt any person as a member of the Committee.

2. An officer of the rank of District Educational Officer will be appointed as a full-time Secretary to the Committee.

3. The terms of reference to the Committee will be as in the annexure.

4. The Committee is requested to submit its report as early as possible.

5. The Committee will be treated as a first-class Committee for the purposes of Travelling Allowance and Daily Allowance to the non-official members.

6. The expenditure will be debited to the relevant sub-head under " 37. Education ".

7. The Secretary to the Committee is authorized to draw the amount admissible to the non-official members at the usual rates and disburse it to them.

[10th February 1955

ANNEXURE.

Terms of reference.

The Committe is requested to—

(1) examine the present system of elementary education in the State in all its aspects with particular reference to—

(i) aims, organizations, content ;

(ii) its relationship to secondary education ; and

(iii) other allied problems.

(2) suggest ways and means for implementing the directive principle contained in Article 45 of the Constitution, that "the State shall endeavour to provide, within a period of ten years from the commencement of this Constitution, for free and compulsory education for all children until they complete the age of 14 years", taking into special consideration the following aspects :—

(i) the problem of bringing into schools the children of backward and poor classes of people now out of school ;

(ii) the special steps to be taken to ensure that pupils who join schools remain there till they undergo the entire course of elementary education ;

(iii) the improvements to the system of elementary education suited to the needs and resources of this State ;

(iv) the question of conversion of ordinary elementary schools into basic schools ; and

(v) the question of qualifications, emoluments and status of teachers ; and

(3) consider any other incidental problem relating to elementary education.

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